



NTCH Newsletter

Network of Teaching Christian Homes

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What Does it Mean to be a Christian Homeschool?

7pm, Oct 18th NTCH meeting
[Presbyterian Church of Manchester](#)

We hope you'll join us as we explore the distinctives and goals that make a Christian homeschool unique.

Grateful Thanks to **Jean Hammer** for providing refreshments for the October meeting.



Hymn Sing-A-Long

CANCELED FOR OCTOBER

Manchester Manor
385 West Center Street
Manchester

We'd love to have you join us!!! Call or email [Karen Cupit](#) for details.

African Children's Choir

When: Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm
Where: [Crossroads Community Cathedral](#)
1492 Silver Lane, East Hartford

Cost: FREE



AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR™

Join the [African Children's Choir](#) at Crossroads on their inspirational Journey of Hope out of war torn Uganda. The choir's joyful music is a blend of song and dance throughout the continent of Africa, featuring more than ten languages, unique cultural dancing and of course Gospel favorites! This is the authentic choir and will be a packed event. They're fantastic, don't miss it !! Contact [Linda Lohnes](#) for more info at 860-604-7440. Linda has volunteered to reserve a block of seats for NTCH so reach out to her so she'll know how many to reserve.

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Windham Textile & History Museum

The Mill Museum



411 Main Street; Willimantic Tuesday October 11th at 1:00

The Windham Textile and History Museum (The Mill Museum of Connecticut), located in the historic former headquarters of the American Thread Company of Willimantic, Connecticut, is a non-profit educational institution housing a museum, a library, and an archive. Through its exhibits, programs, and collections, the museum preserves and interprets the history of textiles, textile arts and the textile industry, with special emphasis on the experiences of the craftspeople, industrial workers, manufacturers, inventors, designers, and consumers. The museum also promotes greater understanding of major trends and changes in technology, economy, immigration, society, environment, and culture that shaped Connecticut, New England, and the United States from the colonial period to the present.

The tour cost is \$4 per person and all ages are welcome. There are also opportunities for hands on activities depending on age range and interest. Please contact Cathy Salamatian at salamatian@sbcglobal.net if interested. Head count is needed to enable planning for the visit.

Call 860-456-2178 or email themillmuseum@gmail.com or visit www.millmuseum.org for more information about the museum.

Thoughts and Perspectives

I confess. I am generally suspicious of "mass movements," especially within the circles I know well, whether it be Christianity or homeschooling. I believe that the more that people get enthusiastic about something the more closely it should be examined, if only to be certain that it stays true to God-honoring and biblical ideals. We do not naturally draw near towards God, but away. It is only through the Grace of God that we seek Him, and most of the "mass movements" I've witnessed within Christendom seem designed to simply make us feel better. Thus my skepticism when I heard about the new movie just released called "Courageous." I was wrong.

This movie carries a hard hitting message that every Christian family (indeed everyone) needs to hear. The truth is that the concept of a "household" as it was given to us from God and passed down through the generations has been annihilated by our modern society, with immeasurable spiritual consequences. At the center of this meltdown is the loss of what it means to be a Christian "man." The concept of "manhood" has been under assault for nearly half a century, and those great ancient men of God would be horrified at what they see today (or rather what they don't see). Witness the difference in the portrayal of the "head of the household" from the 1950's (Father Knows Best) to today (Homer Simpson), and you quickly get the idea that something fundamental has changed. The results are out there for all to see in our current generation of children.

The good news is that I feel there is something happening – something driven by the Spirit of God to renew among the faithful the concept of the household with the father as the head. Society would spin this as a "control" or "power" thing, but that is not biblical. I'm talking about the man that pours his life out for his family as our Saviour did for us. The man that sacrifices to serve and protect his family. The man that fulfills his God-given role to train up his children in the way they should go, rather than ceding that responsibility to the ungodly. The man that loves his wife as Christ loved the church, and wouldn't, or couldn't, go against that for anything. This is the man I'm talking about, and it is the man that each Christian male is called to be.

Each of you has already made a significant step forward in this area with your decision to homeschool your children, but this in and of itself is not sufficient to guarantee anything. There is so much more that God has called us to be and to do within our households, and my encouragement to you today is to seek wisdom on what that is. A good start would be to go see this movie. Then pray together as husband and wife. Then seek out others who are equally committed to honoring God with their families and never look back. Together we can witness a revival of eternal proportions and in so doing see the saving work of Christ firsthand in our families and our world.

Your servant in Christ,
Ron